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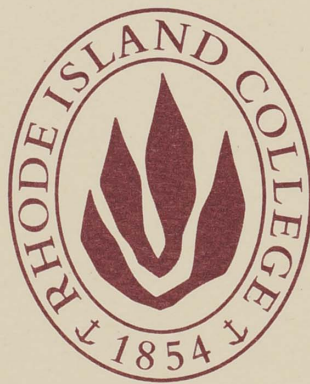
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CAP AND GOWN  
CONVOCATION

SPRING 2008





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Wednesday, the thirtieth of April

Two thousand eight

12:30 p.m.

Auditorium, Roberts Hall

Rhode Island College



## CAP AND GOWN CONVOCATION

### Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1...*Edward Elgar  
*Royal Fireworks Music...*Georg Friedrich Handel  
*Marching Song...*Gustav Holst

### The National Anthem

Kimberly V. Bolton, Janita J. Ducharme, and Kathryn P. Pelland, *Vocalists*

### Greetings

John Nazarian  
*President of the College*  
Alicia A. Vanasse  
*Class of 2008*

### Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Gary M. Penfield  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*

### Departmental Awards

Nancy Carriuolo  
*Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
*assisted by Chairs of Presenting Departments*

### Cap and Gown Investiture

John Nazarian

### Address

Jane Fusco  
Director of News and Public Relations  
*Introduced by*  
Joseph R. Graziano

**Senior Class Gift**

Class Officers

**Alma Mater**

*(Audience will please stand)*

**Recessional**

*Water Music...Georg Friedrich Handel*

*March from Second Suite in F...Gustav Holst*

*Grand March...Giuseppe Verdi*

**Bearer of the Del Sesto Mace**

Glénisson de Oliveira

*Chair, Council of Rhode Island College*

**Musical Selections**

Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble

*Robert H. Franzblau, Conductor*

**Reception**

Hosted by John Nazarian

immediately following the Convocation

McCarthy-Galvin Courtyard

**CLASS OFFICERS**

Joseph R. Graziano, *President*

Alicia A. Vanasse, *Vice President*

Kristyn S. Britton, *Secretary*

Christopher L. Giroux, *Treasurer*

**MARSHALS AND USHERS**

*The Commencement Office deeply appreciates the  
assistance of faculty, staff, and alumni volunteers  
who are serving as marshals and ushers for today's ceremony.*

## 2008 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARDS

### Outstanding Student Awards

Accounting and Computer Information Systems

*Lorena A. Corrente (Accounting)*

*Vincent Q. Lai (Accounting)*

*John P. Camara (Computer Information Systems)*

### James Houston Award in Anthropology

Anthropology

*Diane Marcoux Konicki*

### Studio Art Award

Art

*Melissa S. Brown*

### Theodore Lemeshka Award

Biology

*Diana B. Lizarazo*

### W. Christina Carlson Award

Biology

*Sean P. Hersey*

### Eleanor M. McMahon Award

College Honors Program

*To be announced during the ceremony.*

### Communications Achievement Award

Communications

*Michael S. Termale (Mass Media)*

### Wall Street Journal Award

Economics and Finance

*Cong Pan*

### Mary Alice Grellner Educational Studies Senior Award

Educational Studies

*Jason R. Badessa*

### Katherine Murray Prize

Educational Studies

*David G. Aulenbach*

### Elementary Education Award

Elementary Education

*Kevin Montoya*

### Jean Garrigue Award

English

*Lindsay R. Wells*

### Mark W. Estrin Film Studies Award

Film Studies

*Derek M. Dubois*

### Rose Butler Browne Award

Rhode Island College Foundation

*Priscilla M. Gonzalez*

### Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Outstanding Achievement)

Rhode Island College Foundation

*Mallary J. Bileau*

*Michaela K. Bileau*

### Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Scholastic Excellence)

Rhode Island College Foundation

*Leah DiChiaro*

### Health and Physical Education Award

Health and Physical Education

*Douglas R. Bliven*

*Melissa L. Reggio*

### Claiborne deB. Pell Award

History

*Stephanie M. DaSilva*

### Evelyn Walsh Prize

History

*Marc P. Rousselle*

### John E. Hetherman Award

Intercollegiate Athletics

*Michael Bonora*

### Helen M. Murphy Award

Intercollegiate Athletics

*Christie L. Lotti*

### John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award

Management and Marketing

*Melanie J. Steckert (Management)*

2008 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARDS

**Outstanding Student Award**

Management and Marketing  
*Amy L. Hudson (Marketing)*

**Christopher R. Mitchell Award**

Mathematics and Computer Science  
*Christine A. Borrelli*

**Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award**

Modern Languages  
*Amy Christine Hubertus (French)*  
*Miosotis Nuñez (Spanish)*

**Tegu Polyglot Award**

Modern Languages  
*Julie M. Felci*

**Peter Jeffrey Archambault Memorial Award**

Music, Theatre, and Dance  
*Kimberly M. Maida*

**Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award**

Music, Theatre, and Dance  
*Amanda G. Pannullo*

**Alice K. Pellegrino Music Education Award**

Music, Theatre, and Dance  
*Richard J. Sylvia*

**Rhode Island College Theatre Award**

Music, Theatre, and Dance  
*Kristen A. Quartarone*

**Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award**

Music, Theatre, and Dance  
*Kimberly R. DiOrio*

**Nursing Award**

Nursing  
*Leisa L. Bourget*  
*(Undergraduate—Academic Excellence)*  
*Tara M. Brown*  
*(Undergraduate—Service Excellence)*  
*Jo-Ann T. Cote*  
*(Undergraduate—Registered Nurse)*

**American Institute of Chemists Award**

Physical Sciences  
*Dennis M. Bennett*

**Ronald J. Boruch Award**

Physical Sciences  
*Dennis M. Bennett*

**Herbert R. Winter Award for Academic  
Excellence in Political Science**

Political Science  
*Cynthia M. Bessette*  
*John P. Cimino*  
*Brian C. Hull*

**Victoria Lederberg Psychology Award**

Psychology  
*Mallary J. Bileau*  
*Michaela K. Bileau*

**Bachelor of Social Work  
Community Service Award**

Bachelor of Social Work Department  
*Shana L. Walsh*  
*Rachel T. Yoder*

**Anthony E. Ricci Social Work  
Practice Award**

Bachelor of Social Work Department  
*Helena M. Piccerelli*  
*Erin M. Sousa*

**Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies**

Sociology  
*Justin J. Lisi*

**Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology**

Sociology  
*John R. Pollino*

**Elisa F. Bonaventura Award**

Special Education  
*David G. Aulenbach*

**Josephine A. Stillings Award**

Special Education  
*Cynthia M. Lachapelle*



OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS  
*Accounting and Computer Information Systems*  
*David T. Filipek, Chair*

These cash awards are given annually by the Department of Accounting and Computer Information Systems to seniors in accounting and computer information systems who have the highest grade point averages. Funds are from the dean's discretionary fund.

JAMES HOUSTON AWARD IN ANTHROPOLOGY  
*Department of Anthropology*  
*Richard A. Lobban Jr., Chair*

This award is presented annually to a graduating senior majoring in anthropology who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and who has had significant involvement in the department and the concerns of the discipline. This award is made possible by contributions from the faculty of the Department of Anthropology and by a generous gift from Alice and James Houston, whose interests in researching, recording, and teaching about the cultures and habitats of native America have been a constant inspiration.

ART HISTORY AWARD  
*Department of Art*  
*Nancy K. Bockbrader, Chair*

Celebrating achievement in art history, this award goes to a senior student whose work exhibits the highest degree of excellence, including oral and written forms of presentation. To be eligible, a student must have attained an overall grade point average of at least 3.33 and 3.67 in art history courses. Art history faculty base their selection on classwork and research as well as academic achievement.

STUDIO ART AWARD  
*Department of Art*  
*Nancy K. Bockbrader, Chair*

This award for excellence in studio art is made annually to a senior student. It is a competitive award for which eligible graduating seniors present their work to a faculty jury appointed by the Department of Art chair.

W. CHRISTINA CARLSON AWARD  
*Department of Biology*  
*Edythe L. P. Anthony, Chair*

The W. Christina Carlson Fund was established by friends and colleagues in memory of Chris Carlson, who taught biology at Rhode Island College from 1925 (prior to her graduation) until 1954 when she became the institution's registrar. Her principal interest was botany, but she was knowledgeable and taught successfully in all areas of biology. The recipient of this award must be a biology major who has demonstrated exceptional potential for research in the biological sciences.

### THEODORE LEMESHKA AWARD

*Department of Biology*

*Edythe L. P. Anthony, Chair*

As a faculty member, Theodore Lemeshka won high esteem and admiration from faculty, staff, and especially students during his twenty years of service to Rhode Island College. Ted came to the College in 1956 to teach biology and initiated courses in microbiology in 1960. The Theodore Lemeshka Award is given annually in his memory to a graduating senior biology major. The recipient must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all courses taken at the College and must have a minimum of 3.5 in the following Rhode Island College courses: Chemistry 103 (General Chemistry I), Chemistry 104 (General II) Biology 231 (Human Anatomy), Biology 335 (Human Physiology), and Biology 348 (Microbiology).

### ELEANOR M. McMAHON AWARD

*College Honors Program*

*Spencer Hall, Director*

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award was established in February 1982 by the late President David E. Sweet and the executive officers of Rhode Island College as a farewell gift to the late Eleanor McMahon on the occasion of her appointment as the first commissioner of higher education in Rhode Island. This award is presented to a graduating senior in the College Honors Program on the basis of overall scholastic achievement and the quality of the senior honors project.

### COMMUNICATIONS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Department of Communications*

*Harriet S. Magen, Chair*

This award is made possible through the generosity of the Department of Communications alumni and is presented to graduating seniors who have demonstrated achievement in scholarship and have contributed significantly to the department through service or performance. While the award is given each year in each of the concentrations offered by the department, only one area is represented formally at the Cap and Gown Convocation.

### WALL STREET JOURNAL AWARD

*Department of Economics and Finance*

*Jeffrey P. Blais, Chair*

This award is provided annually to a graduating senior by the faculty of the Department of Economics and Finance. The award is granted on the basis of the student's overall scholastic achievements and service to the department, the College, and the community. The award includes a one-year subscription to the *Wall Street Journal*, courtesy of Dow Jones & Company.

### MARY ALICE GRELLNER EDUCATIONAL STUDIES SENIOR AWARD

*Department of Educational Studies*

*Charles H. McLaughlin Jr., Chair*

Established as the Educational Studies Award in 1997, the award was fully endowed in 2006 by Mary Alice Grellner, professor emerita of English and secondary education. The award is given annually to a graduating senior who demonstrates academic success and concrete evidence of his or her commitment to teaching.

### KATHERINE MURRAY PRIZE

*Department of Educational Studies*

*Charles H. McLaughlin Jr., Chair*

This award was established to honor the memory of Katherine Murray who taught for many years in the Department of Secondary Education and in the Department of Anthropology. The award was endowed by her husband, David Thomas and son, John-David Thomas. The purpose of the award is to honor a student who embodies qualities and values Katherine Murray sought to foster in her teacher education students: excellence in preparatory teaching, commitment to the profession of teaching, a strong academic record, an emphasis on interdisciplinary preparation beyond general education, strong commitment to the advancement of intercultural understanding, and an active commitment to promoting greater equity in society.

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AWARD

*Department of Elementary Education*

*Lisa B. Owen, Chair*

This award is given to a graduating senior who exemplifies enthusiasm for learning and dedication to teaching and who has demonstrated leadership. The recipient of the award shall also be articulate and have a strong academic record in all courses taken at the College. This award is funded by members of the Department of Elementary Education and includes a gift in memory of Doris Hackett Lusardi.

### JEAN GARRIGUE AWARD

*Department of English*

*Maureen T. Reddy, Chair*

The Jean Garrigue Award is presented each year by the Department of English to a graduating senior who is majoring in English and who has excelled in the area of creative writing. The award is named in honor of Jean Garrigue, the distinguished American poet, who was a visiting professor of English at Rhode Island College in 1972, the year of her death.

### MARK W. ESTRIN FILM STUDIES AWARD

*Film Studies Program*

*Bonnie L. MacDonald, Director*

The Film Studies Faculty Award was renamed in 2004 in honor of Mark W. Estrin, who founded the Film Studies Program in 1976 and served as its first director from 1976 to 1993. The award recognizes Dr. Estrin as a gifted teacher, an outstanding scholar, and a leading figure in the field of film studies. The award is presented annually to a graduating senior majoring in film studies who, in the judgment of the program's faculty, has demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement and unusual promise in the discipline.

### ROSE BUTLER BROWNE AWARD

*Rhode Island College Foundation*

*William H. Hurry Jr., President*

This award will be given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated leadership potential through effective, current performance in a leadership role and through recognition of leadership skills by their peers or supervisors. Most importantly, recipients are expected to have a commitment to develop their leadership potential.



### BERTHA CHRISTINA ANDREWS EMIN AWARD

(SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE)

*Rhode Island College Foundation*

*William H. Hurry Jr., President*

This endowed award was established in honor of Bertha Christina Andrews Emin, a 1912 graduate of Rhode Island State Normal School, who devoted her life to contributing to the schools and community of Smithfield, Rhode Island. The award is presented to a resident of Smithfield who has the highest grade point average at the end of the seventh semester and who is scheduled to graduate in May.

### BERTHA CHRISTINA ANDREWS EMIN AWARD

(OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT)

*Rhode Island College Foundation*

*William H. Hurry Jr., President*

This second award in honor of Mrs. Emin is given to a woman member of the May graduating class who has distinguished herself by attaining an honors baccalaureate and by active leadership in student affairs.

### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

*Department of Health and Physical Education*

*Betty J. Rauhe, Chair*

Presented annually by the faculty of the Department of Health and Physical Education, this award recognizes a graduating senior in health and/or physical education who has distinguished him/herself through outstanding academic achievement, professional accomplishments, and service.

### CLAIBORNE DEB. PELL AWARD

*Department of History*

*Joanne Schneider, Chair*

This award is made possible through the generosity of Senator Claiborne Pell and recognizes excellence in the study of U.S. history. The award consists of a gold medal and a certificate attesting to the high achievement of the recipient.

### EVELYN WALSH PRIZE

*Department of History*

*Joanne Schneider, Chair*

The Evelyn Walsh Prize is given in memory of Evelyn Walsh, who retired in 1978 as a faculty member of the Department of History, after 21 years of service to the College. The prize consists of a certificate and a cash award in recognition of both academic excellence and, particularly, the contribution that the recipient has made to the life and work of the department.

### JOHN E. HETHERMAN AWARD

*Department of Intercollegiate Athletics*

*Donald E. Tencher, Director*

This endowed award was established as a memorial to the late John E. Hetherman, class of 1940, who was killed in action during World War II. The award is presented to a male graduating senior in recognition of his scholastic success and his achievements as an athlete, gentleman, and participant in campus activities.

### HELEN M. MURPHY AWARD

*Department of Intercollegiate Athletics*

*Donald E. Tencher, Director*

This endowed award was established in honor of Helen M. Murphy, class of 1939, who was a distinguished faculty member at the Henry Barnard School. The award is given to a woman member of the May graduating class in recognition of her scholastic success, as well as her achievements as an athlete and a participant in campus and community activities.

### JOHN SILVA MEMORIAL SCHOLASTIC AWARD

*Department of Management and Marketing*

*David M. Blanchette, Chair*

Given in memory of John Silva, a bright and talented management student and athlete in the class of 1980 who tragically died shortly before his graduation, this award is presented annually to the senior with a major in management who achieves the highest grade point average.

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

*Department of Management and Marketing*

*David M. Blanchette, Chair*

This cash award is given annually by the Department of Management and Marketing to a senior who has the highest grade point average in marketing. Funds are from the dean's discretionary fund.

### RICHARD A. HOWLAND COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD

*Department of Mathematics and Computer Science*

*Kathryn E. Sanders, Chair*

This award of a significant book, subscription, or professional membership is presented to a graduating senior for outstanding performance in the field of computer science. It is named as a memorial to Richard A. Howland, an inspiring teacher and scholar of both mathematics and computer science.

### CHRISTOPHER R. MITCHELL AWARD

*Department of Mathematics and Computer Science*

*Kathryn E. Sanders, Chair*

This award is given each year to the outstanding mathematics major among the graduating class. It is funded by the department faculty and named in honor of Christopher R. Mitchell, who was an esteemed and revered mathematics faculty member known for his excellence in teaching.

### NELSON A. GUERTIN MEMORIAL AWARDS

*Department of Modern Languages*

*Rosemary Weston-Gil, Chair*

The Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Awards in French and Spanish were established by the Department of Modern Languages in 1978. Nelson A. Guertin served Rhode Island College as a member of the Department of Modern Languages for thirty-seven years, retiring in 1973. There are two awards, one for French and one for Spanish. The prize recipients have been selected by the faculty of the department on the basis of their academic work and their demonstrated interest in foreign language study.

### TEGU POLYGLOT AWARD

*Department of Modern Languages*

*Rosemary Weston-Gil, Chair*

The Tegu Polyglot Award honors and distinguishes a member of the senior class who has demonstrated outstanding interest and achievement in foreign language study with particular emphasis on oral proficiency. This award is the gift of the late Dr. Steven Tegu, professor emeritus of modern languages, whose life and work were dedicated to the promotion of human understanding through the mastery of languages.

### PETER JEFFREY ARCHAMBAULT MEMORIAL AWARD

*Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance*

*James L. Taylor Jr., Chair*

This award is given in memory of Peter Jeffrey Archambault, who was a Rhode Island College student majoring in communications, but who had a keen interest in theatre. The award is given annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated scholarly achievement as well as creative ability in theatre. The recipient of this award shall also have displayed humanistic concerns.

### CANTOR JACOB HOHENEMSER AWARD

*Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance*

*James L. Taylor Jr., Chair*

Jacob Hohenemser came to Rhode Island as a refugee from Nazi Germany, graduated from Rhode Island College in 1948, and later served as cantor at Temple Emanu-El until his death. Through the generosity of Temple Emanu-El in Providence to the Rhode Island College Foundation, the Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award was established in 1968 and is presented annually to an outstanding graduating student of music.

### ALICE K. PELLEGRINO MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD

*Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance*

*James L. Taylor Jr., Chair*

The fund that supports this award was established in August 1992 by the Henry Barnard School faculty, and was presented on the occasion of Alice Pellegrino's retirement, "in recognition of and respect for her significant contribution to the field of music education." The Alice K. Pellegrino Fund provides an award to a graduating senior in music education who demonstrated outstanding musicianship and excellence in teaching music during the student teaching field experience. Each year, if there is a student who meets the selection criteria, this monetary award is presented during the Cap and Gown Convocation.

### RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE THEATRE AWARD

*Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance*

*James L. Taylor Jr., Chair*

This award is presented to a graduating senior chosen by the theatre faculty as having displayed overall achievement in and contribution to the theatre program.



### YETTA RAUCH MELCER DANCE AWARD

*Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance*

*James L. Taylor Jr., Chair*

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has made outstanding contributions to the Rhode Island College Dance Company while an undergraduate at the College. The award was established by the late Fannie Helen Melcer, professor emerita of health and physical education, in memory of her mother, Yetta Melcer, a first generation American who exemplified all parents who foster and sponsor their children's aspirations in the arts.

### NURSING AWARDS

*School of Nursing*

*Carolyn L. Wood, Chair*

The Nursing Awards are given to graduating seniors, recognizing both generic student nurses and a student registered nurse. The awards are given for excellence in nursing theory and practice and are made on the basis of scholarship, excellence in clinical practice, leadership within the School of Nursing, and service to the College and community.

### THOMAS J. HOWELL AWARD

*Department of Philosophy*

*Robert L. Castiglione, Chair*

The Philosophy Faculty Award was established in 1977 and renamed in memory of Dr. Thomas Howell in 1996. Each year the award is presented to a student majoring in philosophy who, in the judgment of department faculty members, has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the pursuit of philosophical study.

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS AWARD

*Department of Physical Sciences*

*James G. Magyar, Chair*

The recipient of this award, given by the American Institute of Chemists, Inc., is a senior majoring in chemistry who has demonstrated scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and character.

### RONALD J. BORUCH AWARD

*Department of Physical Sciences*

*James G. Magyar, Chair*

This award, given in memory of Ronald J. Boruch, is presented to a graduating senior majoring in chemistry, physics, or general science who, in the judgment of the faculty, demonstrates outstanding scholarly achievement, leadership, and professional promise.

### DEPARTMENTAL PHYSICS AWARD

*Department of Physical Sciences*

*James G. Magyar, Chair*

This award is given annually to the graduating physics student who best combines academic ability with commitment to the discipline. The recipient is selected by the physics faculty.

### JOHN H. CHAFEE AWARD

*Department of Political Science*

*Claus Hofhansel, Chair*

The John H. Chafee Award is presented to a graduating senior who, in the judgment of the political science faculty, has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and superior public and community service.

### NORTH PROVIDENCE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AWARD

*Department of Political Science*

*Claus Hofhansel, Chair*

This award was made possible by the North Providence League of Women Voters. After fourteen years of existence the organization voted to disband its membership. Efforts were made to identify a worthwhile project in which the remaining funds from the chapter's treasury could be invested. Based on the organization's concern for informed political participation, a prize to be awarded by the Department of Political Science of Rhode Island College presented an opportunity to continue the organization's support in this field and to keep its role and mission in the public awareness. The award recognizes an outstanding senior who has majored in political science at Rhode Island College and who is a resident of North Providence. The recipient must have demonstrated academic excellence and should have a history of leadership in school, community, or state affairs.

### HERBERT R. WINTER AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

*Department of Political Science*

*Claus Hofhansel, Chair*

The Herbert R. Winter Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science memorializes the career of the late Herbert R. Winter, the first chair of the Department of Political Science and one of Rhode Island College's most gifted and effective teachers. The award is given to the graduating senior in political science with the highest grade point average.

### VICTORIA LEDERBERG PSYCHOLOGY AWARD

*Department of Psychology*

*David B. Sugarman, Chair*

Presented annually by the faculty of the Department of Psychology, this award recognizes a graduating senior psychology major who has shown distinction him/herself through outstanding academic achievement and accomplishments in related activities and services. This award was renamed in 2004 in memory of Victoria Lederberg, a distinguished colleague who taught in the psychology department from 1968 to 1993. During that time, Dr. Lederberg also earned a law degree and served as a senator and representative in the Rhode Island State legislature. In 1993 Dr. Lederberg became an associate justice of the Rhode Island State Supreme Court, where she gained a reputation for her work ethic and intelligence.

### BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

*Bachelor of Social Work Department*

*Daniel Weisman, Chair*

This award is presented to the graduating B.S.W. student who best combines academic excellence and outstanding community service, with emphasis on vulnerable and oppressed populations.

### ANTHONY E. RICCI SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE AWARD

*Bachelor of Social Work Department*

*Daniel Weisman, Chair*

Anthony E. Ricci taught in the School of Social Work from 1985 until his death in 1989. He came to the College after a long and accomplished career at the state Department of Human Services and its predecessor, Social and Rehabilitation Services. Mr. Ricci was widely recognized for his sincere commitment to high-quality social work practices. This award is presented to the student who best exemplifies Tony Ricci's dedication to academic excellence and professional social work practice.

### MARY ANN HAWKES AWARD IN JUSTICE STUDIES

*Department of Sociology*

*Rachel Filinson, Chair*

This award honors Mary Ann Hawkes, professor emerita of sociology, who directed the minor in criminal justice for many years prior to her retirement and who provided valuable assistance to Rhode Island justice-related agencies. The award is based on academic achievement and involvement in national, regional, or local problems of justice and their solutions.

### LAURIS B. WHITMAN AWARD IN SOCIOLOGY

*Department of Sociology*

*Rachel Filinson, Chair*

The Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology was established in 1979 in honor of the first chair of the Department of Sociology who served from 1970 until 1976. It was Dr. Whitman who established the fundamental directions that still guide this department: democratic leadership; a concern for the development of a sound, creative curriculum; and commitment to student participation in departmental affairs. This award is presented annually to a graduating senior in honor of excellence in academic work, especially in sociology, and service to the department, College, and/or community.

### ELISA F. BONAVENTURA AWARD

*Department of Special Education*

*Susan J. Dell, Chair*

The Elisa F. Bonaventura Award was established in 1994 in memory of Elisa F. Bonaventura, Ph.D by family, friends, faculty, students, and admirers. A faculty member in the Department of Special Education for thirty years, she was recognized for her passion for teaching, dedication to students, and insight into the needs, abilities, and interests of persons with developmental disabilities. This award is presented to a graduating senior in the field of special education who has made a significant contribution to the education of persons with developmental disabilities from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Dr. Bonaventura's concern for persons of diverse backgrounds represented her understanding of the society that we are today and the one we are always in the process of becoming.

### JOSEPHINE A. STILLINGS AWARD

*Department of Special Education*

*Susan J. Dell, Chair*

In her more than fifteen years of service to Rhode Island College, Josephine Stillings was a model for all teachers. She possessed the qualities of an excellent teacher and was a warm human being. This award is presented to a graduating senior (January or May) who has demonstrated outstanding performance in special education student teaching and who has a high grade point average in special education course work.



# WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Each year at commencement events across the country, a special group of students is honored through selection for membership in the prestigious *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Since 1934, *Who's Who* has annually bestowed this honor on outstanding students for their scholastic, extracurricular, and community achievements.

With the support of prominent educational institutions throughout the country, the program recognizes and calls attention to those college students who are the reservoir from which our nation draws its leadership.

The following undergraduates have been selected for membership this year:

Folasade Adeyo	Monica Santina Florio	Amanda G. Pannullo
Bukola Ajayi	Daniel W. Fortin	Frank Pellegrino
Abimbola Akinbode	Josephine Francis	Adrian Phillips
Bola Akinjisola	Susan Ann Gallucci	Debra-Jean Pimentel
Lucia Napoli Amado	Christopher L. Giroux	Paula Richer
Jennifer M. Amaral	Erin Grant	Netesha Reid
Gisela Arguello-Gremillion	Kseniya Gurvich	Jarred Rickey
Ericka Atwell	Jessica L. Harris	Ann Robertson
Megan Bertherman	Alexander Kollie	Evelyn Rodriguez
Mallary J. Bileau	Cleonice Kukulka	Alison Rosario
Michaela K. Bileau	Monique Renee Langlois	Brittany Rousseau
Douglas R. Bliven	Joshua Laguerre	Patrick Sheehan
Maria Botelho	Stephanie P. Levy	Justin Souliere
Danielle K. Bouchard	Emily Lind	Diane Schuman
Crystal Brown	Marleny Luna	Christen Suratt
Tara M. Brown	Olulade O. Majofodun	Danielle Thompson
Veronica E. Bruscini	Kellye E. Martin	Viviane Uways
Justine Burgess	Tamara Martirosyan	Felicia Vinci
James Connell Jr.	Joseph McAuley	Jacob A. Wahl
Alyssa Ryan Costa	Jeannie C. Monteiro	Lois Waldron
Christina T. Crow	Kimberly M. Menkavitch	Michael N. Wallander
Kimberly R. DiOrio	Kristen Ivy Moses	Jessica-Lynn White
Eric Dolce	Sara Mouchon	Clarissa Williams
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ALMA MATER

4 measures of introduction

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MODERATO

Dear Al - ma Ma - ter wise and kind, To thy fair name shall  
When we must leave thy shelt' - ring walls, O - bey - ing du - ty's

e'er be - long our grate - ful prais - es and our love, The trib - ute of our  
stern be - hest, our em - blem bright, the Flag of Hope, Our mis - sion man - i -

song. \_\_\_\_\_ Thou guard - ian of the sa - cred shrine of truth that makes us  
fest, \_\_\_\_\_ Each kin - dles at the al - tar fires the flam - ing torch of

free. We cher - ish thy be - lov - ed fame and pledge our loy - al -  
truth, And thus pre - pared, no fear as - sails the daunt - less heart of

ty.  
youth. **Rhode Is - land Col - lege** hail to thee! All hail to Al - ma

Ma - ter! En - shrined thou art with - in the heart of ev - 'ry son and daugh - ter.



